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1996 in review



Wellman locates

The announcement by Wellman, Inc., to build a new plastic manufacturing plant at Port Bienville Industrial Park (above) was Hancock County's top story in 1996.

Pete Woody (inset) was named project manager. The plant is expected to start rising out of the ground later this year. (Echo staff photos by Richard Meek)

Wellman changes county landscape

BY RICHARD MEEK

On a mid-April morning, the financial landscape of Hancock County changed forever when plastics manufacturer Wellman, Inc., announced plans to construct a new plant at Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Buoyed with \$40 million in county and state incentives, company officials unveiled a three-phase project that will eventually employ 750 people and represents a \$1 billion investment. The Hancock County School District should

receive an estimated \$800,000 annually from Wellman taxes, and that amount should increase to about \$2.4 million after the company's 10-year tax break expires.

The impact on county taxes is even more dramatic. By the year 2002, it is estimated the company will be contributing \$1.9 million annually to county coffers, and by the year 2022, Wellman's annual tax bill is estimated to exceed \$14 million.

After some early grappling

with state bid laws that caused delays, and a scolding from the county Board of Supervisors, the project is well underway. Clearing of the 433-acre site has already begun, and by later this year the plant should start rising out of the ground. Wellman is expected to spend at least \$330 million on the first phase of construction, and state companies have already received over \$13 million in contracts.

Although Wellman's arrival grabbed the spotlight, there

were other significant developments affecting Hancock County:

- GE Plastics, also located at Port Bienville, announced a major expansion. GE will nearly double its labor force once the expansion is completed.

- After many delays and lawsuits, Highway 603 finally opened in March. In August, the highway was re-named the Norton Haas Memorial Highway. Highway 603 is now four-laned from Highway 90 to Stennis Airport Drive.

- Amtrak began a 90-day daily run between Mobile and New Orleans, with a stop in Bay St. Louis, among other places. After some anxious moments, the service was extended for six months.

- News was not so good at Stennis Airport. Business continues to sag, although the military is utilizing Stennis for training purposes. By year's end, airport officials said they would solicit community funds

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TIDES

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Sun.	8:53 p.m.	7:43 a.m.
Mon.	9:33 p.m.	8:20 a.m.
Tues.	10:17 p.m.	9:02 a.m.
Wed.	11:03 p.m.	9:48 a.m.
Thur.	11:50 p.m.	10:34 a.m.

County gambling waters troubled

BY ED LEPOMA

The gambling industry in Hancock County continued to struggle in 1996, and its future might well depend on decisions expected on two major proposed developments early in January that would impact the area.

Before a new Board of Supervisors took office, there were already signs that the Alpha-owned Jubilee barge at Bayou Caddy was floundering in financial waters and barely staying afloat.

Jubilee officials announced last September they would move the larger Jubilee barge to Greenville, Mississippi, where they thought it would perform better. They proposed to replace it with a smaller barge at Lakeshore.

But before the move was allowed, an agreement had to be hammered out to insure that Jubilee posted bonds for

back taxes it owed Hancock County for 1994 and 1995.

After lengthy negotiations, bonds were posted and the larger barge was allowed to set sail for Greenville last September, temporarily throwing 600 employees out of work.

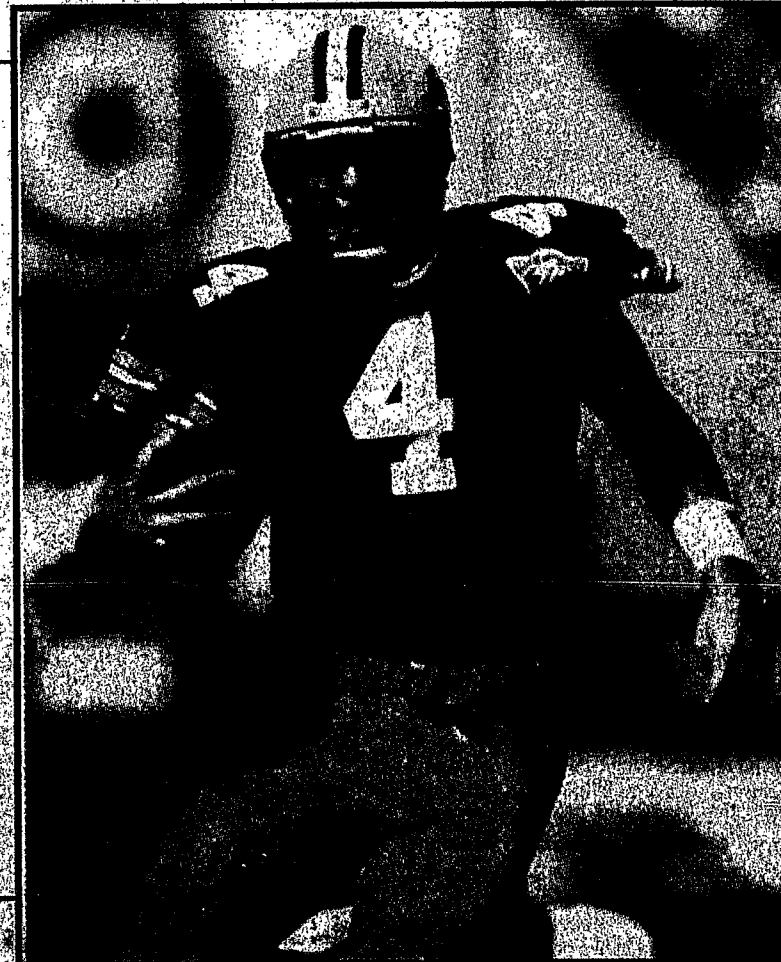
A smaller Jubilation ship arrived at Bayou Caddy near the end of December 1995, but it was obvious that the two-month shutdown had substantially eroded the casino's customer base and popular support. When it reopened, the work force that returned was estimated at around 340 full-time and part-time workers.

The final death blow came in mid-July when Gaming Commission agents descended on the Jubilation and shut it down after it didn't have enough cash on hand to pay a \$15,000 jackpot. Alpha officials

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Favre named MVP

Green Bay quarterback and Hancock County native Brett Favre joined an elite class when he captured his second straight NFL MVP honor. Future Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana is the only other player to receive the honor two consecutive years. Only Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas and Steve Young are two-time MVPs. "Winning it is hard, but it's been proven that winning it back-to-back is harder," Favre said.



Supervisor projects progressing

BY ED LEPOMA

As the year ends, major projects planned by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors showed some signs of progress.

County Court have just about completed a move to a 10,000-square-foot building at Port Bienville Industrial Park. The new building is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

County Court was originally moved there but the building was not ready for occupancy. The county's inventory control system is also being upgraded.

the Courthouse on Main Street. The new building is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

McDonald Building on the U.S. 90 service road, west of Dunbar Avenue. The new building is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

WINFRED L. ANDERSON
HAROLD M. EDLER
JOHNNIE L. FORET
IZOLA P. HERNANDEZ
LAWRENCE J. KENT
JOHN M. MORRIS JR.
GWENDOLYN RUCKER
ELTON SMITH
GLADYS M. TRIDICO
FRANK N. WAITS

WINFRED L. ANDERSON
 Winfred L. Anderson, 79, of the Crane Creek community, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mr. Anderson was a member of Crane Creek Baptist Church. He was a veteran of World War II in the Pacific campaign, the Philippines and Solomon

Canal. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nora Lee Bosarge Anderson-Sellers of Crane Creek community; four children; Marilyn Smith of Derby, Mickey Fricks of Bay St. Louis, Linda Buckley of Diamondhead and Lloyd Anderson of the Sellers community; four sisters, Charlotte Elkin of Baton Rouge, Johnnie Britton of the Sellers community, Ginger Haniel of the Crane Creek community and Barbara Ladner of the Steephollow community; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Crane Creek Baptist Church. Services were con-

ducted Wednesday at the church, with burial in the church cemetery. White Funeral home in Piquette was in charge of arrangements.

HAROLD M. EDLER
 Harold "Rocky" Milton Edler, 80, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Edler was a native of New Orleans. He was a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in the U.S. Army in both the Pacific and European Theaters during World War II. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rene and Constance Edler; and a brother, Rene Edler Jr.

He is survived by his wife,

Waveland artist remembered

A memorial service was held Monday for Waveland artist Carl Baldenhofer, who died July 11.

Family and friends attended Lutheran Church of the Pines on Highway 90 in Waveland for the service on what would have been Baldenhofer's 90th birthday. Baldenhofer had been a member of the church for about a year before his death.

Baldenhofer was a charter member of the Hancock County RSPV and taught art to people of all ages. He held art classes at the Waveland Civic Center and the senior citizens center.

A former soft drink bottler, Baldenhofer began painting in the early 1940s. He later took art classes after moving to the Gulf Coast.

Rev. Vernon R. Knight officiated at the memorial service.

Norma Wylie Edler of Bay St. Louis.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at Christ Episcopal Church, 912 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, where friends may call 30 minutes before service.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers friends to make memorial gifts to a favorite charity or Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.

JOHNNIE L. FORET
 Johnnie L. Foret, 62, of Lakeshore, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Foret was a native of Franklinton, La. She had lived in Lakeshore for 20 years and had formerly lived in New Orleans for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Andre Michele Foret; her mother, Mary Rufford; and her husband, Joseph T. Foret Sr.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph T. Foret Jr. of California; Lloyd "Pompy" Foret of Lakeshore; three daughters, Joy Ganard of Metairie, Mary Straub of Bay St. Louis and Debra Badon of Lakeshore; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Lakeshore Cemetery.

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Early Painful Warning: "Morning After" Backache

People spend countless hours planning vacations, shopping for a new car, clothes, yet give little or no thought to an important one-third of their lives ... sleep.

If you wake up with a stiff neck every morning or your back has that "morning after" feeling when the alarm goes off, it's time to take a good look at your sleeping habits.

Start with your mattress; it should never be extra-soft or extra-hard, just firm enough to support your weight evenly once you settle in it for the night.

If you sleep on your stomach, you're asking for trouble! For eight hours every night your neck is twisted to one side; placing an undue strain on it. Also, the weight of the spine and back muscles compress the vital organs and increase swayback.

Equally bad for swayback is sleeping flat on your back. However, placing a pillow under the knees while sleeping on your back is an excellent way to sleep; this will help relieve swayback and take pressure off the vital organs.

Generally speaking, the best way to sleep is on your side with the knee and hip slightly bent. "Slightly" is the key word here. The knees should be bent at a 30 to 45 degree angle, not doubled up into the stomach as if you were

ready to do a somersault. When sleeping on the side, it is important to use a flexible pillow which holds the head and neck in a normal position, not a over-stuffed one which tends to push them to one side.

You should begin preparing for sleep an hour or two before going to bed. Reading or watching television is an excellent way to relax. A leisurely bath or light snack, such as warm milk, can also help you relax.

These few hints should help you get a good night's sleep, to be able to wake up "fit as a fiddle" rather than suffering from "morning after" back. However, should that stiff neck or sore back persist, call your Doctor of Chiropractic. Your problem may be more serious than just poor sleeping habits.

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R. J. ASHER

It is with happy memories that I think of you. Today I wish you a blessed holiday with our Father above.

Your friendship and thoughtfulness I shall never forget. I shall always be grateful. God ordained that we met.

Sadly missed by Your Friend Linda

Thoughts for meditation: Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented.

—George Braque
 If I knew you and you knew me, if both of us could clearly see

And with an inner sight divine — the meaning of your heart and mine

I'm sure that we would differ less, and clasp our hands in friendliness

Our thoughts would pleasantly agree — if I knew you and you knew me

—Nixon Waterman
 What sweetness is left in life if you take away friendship? It is like robbing the world of the sun.

—Cicero
 There are three friendships which are advantageous: Friendship with the upright, with the sincere and the one of much observation.

—Confucius
 A foe to God was never true friend to man. Some sinister intent taints all he does.

—Edward Young
 Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.

—George Washington
 Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age but they die young.

—Sir Arthur Wing Pinero
 Friendship hath the skill and observation of the best physician, the diligence and vigilance of the best nurse and the tenderness and patience of the best mother.

—Edward Clarendon

The sick and shut-ins of St. Ann, Clermont Harbor, and St. John, Lakeshore, will be visited at home today and Jan. 3 after St. Ann's 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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Bay funds drainage work, depot; builds park, senior citizen center

BY BETSY GAGNET
"Spending" may be the best way to describe the year in Bay St. Louis.

Probably the biggest story of the year is the \$5.5 million capital improvements program which includes drainage, streets and sidewalks improvements and construction costs on the Senior Citizen's Center and athletic complex.

The costs on the drainage program are still not final and could, by themselves, exceed the bond money.

Additionally, the city has adopted a resolution on a \$5.5 million revenue bond issue which will proceed very shortly, according to Mayor Eddie Favre. The revenue bond money will go to pay for sewer, water and gas improvements, which go hand in hand with the drainage and street improvements.

The two bond issues brought with them no tax increase to date.

According to Favre, the improvements "put the city's infrastructure in a position where it should have been a long time ago."

The other big ticket item for the year was the renovation of the L&M Depot at an approximate cost of \$400,000.

Although designed specifically to house the Anderson Genealogical Library, due to a disagreement over tenancy, the city now plans to rent the facility for meetings and party type events.

The depot will also provide office space for the volunteer group RSVP and for city employees Les Fillingame and Jimmy Loiacano.

"We have a lot of optimism about the depot," said Favre. "There is a lot of interest in the facility already and we have not gotten into full scale marketing."

The city also did some restructuring of the budget which encompassed employee shuffling as well as the end of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission.

The \$100,000 formerly allocated to Parks and Playgrounds

will be kept in house and divided between the newly created Recreation/Cultural Services and Parks and Beautification with Recreation/Cultural taking over the coordination of the various sports programs.

The new Economic Development Division, headed by Buzz Olson, is under the Department of Administration. Neighborhood Watch became a separate division.

Perhaps the biggest administration story was the departure of Kay Johnson, former City Clerk.

Johnson left her job as City Clerk to take the position as Piquette City Manager. Bay St. Louis did not replace Johnson, but did name Bobby Parker as Deputy Clerk.

"We were not fortunate in losing her (Johnson) and Piquette was very fortunate," Favre said of Johnson's departure. "She did a great job while she was here."

Some money did come into the hands of the Bay in 1996 rather than leave it.

The city received \$375,000 in Tidelands funds, although the future of the funds is still not certain.

The money was awarded on an application to build an access ramp and parking lot at the end of DeMontluzin Street.

However, public opposition and a feasibility study proved to be the end of that project and now the city hopes to have the funds transferred to the construction of a new Ulman Street pier.

Bay St. Louis also saw an increase in gaming fees to 3.2 percent in 1996, which will help in paying off the general fund portion of the bond issue according to Favre.

The Bay hired a firm to collect delinquent municipal court fines.

The year also brought about the adoption of the new Municipal Code and some new laws to go into it.

Several new ordinances, including ones that regulate sexually-oriented businesses,

height limitations on towers and the noise level coming from "boom boxes" and car radios, were adopted by the City Council.

The city also added a new ordinance which regulates the open storage of certain items and the height of weeds, grass and plants.

Still remaining from 1996 is the moratorium on corner fences, which the Council imposed after it was discovered that existing laws regarding fences could be invalid.

Elsewhere in the Bay, the Old Town Merchants Association created a walking map of the City to be distributed for

tourists. John MacDonald is still busy at work on the mural he is creating on the side of the Hancock Insurance Agency for the Renaissance Project, which deals with the history of Hancock County.

The folklore book created by the Project entitled Pearls, Myths and Memories of Hancock County, went on sale at Christmas.

Trolley service in Bay St. Louis stopped running in 1996 due to a decline in ridership.

The Bay Waveland Yacht Club celebrated its Centennial, complete with a ball and a regatta.

Obits

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Waveland; a grandson, Adam J. Cobb, Waveland; and two great-granddaughters.

Services were conducted Monday at Riemann Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport.

JOHN M. MORRIS JR.
John Montague Morris Jr., 60, died Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Morris was a native of Washington, D.C. and a Presbyterian. He was a Navy and an Air Force veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John M. and Louise Becker Morris Sr.; and a brother, Fred Jacob Morris.

IZOLA P. HERNANDEZ
Izola Pujol Hernandez, 86, of Waveland, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Hernandez was a native of New Orleans and a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jules Hernandez; her parents, Albert and Emily Pujol; a son, Malcolm Hernandez; and a sister, Alberta Beaudreau.

Survivors include a son, Clifford Hernandez of Waveland; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today at 11 a.m. time at Lakelawn-Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Boulevard in New Orleans. A prayer service will be conducted at 2 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in St. Roch No. 1 Cemetery in New Orleans.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of local arrangements.

LAWRENCE J. KENT
Lawrence J. "Larry" Kent, 86, of Gulfport, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mr. Kent was a native of New Orleans and had been a resident of the Gulf Coast since 1945. He was the retired owner of Kentco Tomato Company, was a member of Jacques Demolay No. 389 F&AM in New Orleans and was an honorary member of Southern Star Lodge No. 500 F&AM in Long Beach. He was associated with Burton United Methodist Church in Gulfport.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Phelps Kent; a son, Lawrence J. Kent II, both of Gulfport; three daughters, Barbara Buhler of New Orleans, Mrs. James H. (Betty) White of Long Beach, Lanee J. Kent Cobb of Waveland; two granddaughters, Ricki L. Wade of Long Beach and Robyn Cobb of

Survivors include Antoinette Morris Kelly of Bay St. Louis, who cared for him; two sons, John Montague Morris III of Fredericksburg, Va., and Timothy Mark Morris of Pass Christian; two brothers, David Morris of Annapolis, Md., and Lou Quinn of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Rose Mary Snead of Golden Beach, Md., and Marie Morris of Glendale, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday in Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

GWENDOLYN RUCKER
Gwendolyn Curry Rucker, age unavailable, of Omaha, Neb., and formerly of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in Omaha.

Arrangements are incomplete at Myers Funeral Home in Omaha and local arrangements are at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

ELTON SMITH
Elton Smith, 67, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Smith was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Colonial Funeral Home in Columbia, Miss. for services and burial.

GLADYS M. TRIDICO
Gladys M. Tridico, 85, of Diamondhead, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Diamondhead.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

FRANK N. WAITS
Frank N. Waits, 65, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

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We're dreaming of a green Christmas

Bing Crosby is probably turning in his grave. It seems the traditional spreading of good will through company parties comes in a very distant second on the holiday wish lists of American workers.

According to a recently nationwide telephone survey conducted for accountants on call by The Gallup Organization, most employees (80%) say they would prefer a monetary bonus from their company at holiday time instead of an office party (6%) or a gift (5%). Seven percent say they wouldn't want any of these, and 2% had no answer.

This survey, which quantifies opinions about employee attitudes toward holiday gift preference, is part of accountants on call's "Profiles of the American Workers" series that summarizes the opinions, attitudes and behavior of employed Americans concerning workplace issues.

For this survey, full- and part-time workers were asked: "If you had a choice at holiday time, which of the following would you most prefer to receive from your company — an office party, a gift, a monetary bonus, or none of these?"

Cash vs. Bash ... No Contest.

While all employees were more likely to state a preference for the monetary bonus, those between the ages of 30-49 more often chose money than did those under age 30 or age 50 and over. College educated em-

ployees are more likely than those who have not attended college to select a monetary bonus (84% vs. 76%).

Further, employees reporting household incomes of \$40,000 or more and those in professional, business, clerical and sales occupations are more likely to choose a monetary bonus than their counterparts.

This survey is based on telephone interviews with a representative sample of 705 adults, 18 years of age and older, who are employed either full- or part-time.

Interviews were conducted by Gallup between Oct. 14 through Oct. 20, 1996. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus four percentage points.

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MATINEES SHOWING THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS!



"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Congratulations are in order for Brett Favre for being named the NFL's *Most Valuable Player* for the second consecutive year.

The star quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, Hancock County native, a Hancock North Central and University of Southern Mississippi star, has the community buzzing for his achievements.

The Irvin Favre family as well as all Hancock Countians have to be very proud of Brett.

Brett, I wish you continued success on the football field and in life, too.

Residents do not want to forget the annual Christmas tree recycling which runs through January 6.

The annual event, sponsored by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Mississippi Power Company, Asplundh Tree Experts and others helped or community in many ways.

The trees are mulched, and the materials are used throughout the county on beautification projects.

Residents are asked to remove lights, ornaments and tinsel and bring them to the parking lot, (there is a roped-off area) at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

Tree recyclers may also stop by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 412 Highway 90, Suite 6 to get a free sapling, compliments of Mississippi Power.

Remember, the deadline for the tree recycling is Monday, January 6.

The year of 1996 has been a very busy one for Hancock County.

To really get a handle on all the happenings, all one has to do is to go through our archives for the past 52 weeks and they will see where I am coming from.

From our stories in 1996, indications are that the year of 1997 should be a banner year for the area overall.

The new and expansion of industries and the on-line new tourism director are just a "tip of the iceberg."

One of the reasons for many happenings, too, was a completely new Hancock County Board of Supervisors taking office in January.

Only one member had any prior experience, and that was four years prior to taking office.

Many challenges face our elected leaders, that is both in the county and two municipalities.

The job of our supervisors is to address many critical issues. True, many should have been taken care of years ago; since they were not, they more so have to be addressed now.

The challenges our elected leaders face cannot be addressed properly without the support of its citizens.

As we begin 1997, I wonder how many residents have ever attended a city council, school district or board of supervisors meeting! Really, I feel it is a very small percentage.

Nothing is "automatic" pilot, as some may think. On major decisions many hours of research have to be gathered. Input from many factions have to be considered.

Not every decision made by elected officials make every resident happy, yet they have to make some hard choices.

Many times a group of elected official can do many things which citizens like and they never hear a compliment. On the other hand, let them do one thing someone does not like, and they never hear the end of it.

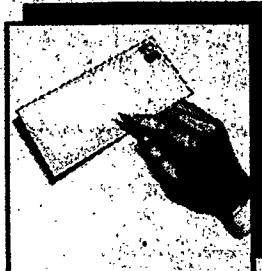
Residents need to tell their officials when they are doing things right, just as they need to be told when some think their decisions were not correct.

I need not remind you that working together can solve most any problem.



Scout food drive

The Bear and Wolf Cub Scouts of Diamondhead, Cub Scout Pack 20 recently competed in a food drive to benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry in Bay St. Louis. The Scouts collected over 100 non-perishable food items that were donated in time for the holidays. Brad Reinhardt of Diamondhead collected over 30 items to win the prize for most food collected. The Scouts are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Diamondhead. They include, from left, Chris Welch, J. J. Averill, Trey Swanson, Alex Boudreaux, Nick Welch and Brad Reinhardt.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former supervisor candidate says we need codes and zoning

Dear Editor:

As an ex-candidate for supervisor of Hancock County, I have watched the actions of the present board with much scrutiny. I know the problems which the current board inherited.

When you figure that they took over after a very much inactive board, they have plenty to overcome. This baby-boomer board not only has new ideas that they wish to enact, but also have problems remaining by the old board of supervisors.

These people were elected to do a job to the best of their ability. What I don't understand is why people, "who" were not elected choose to give them such problems.

I am not happy about my defeat, but I still back what they may see to be the most beneficial to our community. Public office is a very difficult and demanding job.

The present board has been presented with very difficult decisions, both politically and privately. I do not agree with all decisions which have been made, but I am not out petitioning everything they are trying to accomplish.

No one wants a dump in their back yard. No one wants higher taxes. No one wants to pay for

sewer when it costs nothing to run it to a ditch or bayou. No one wants codes or zoning.

But everyone wants their garbage to go away, everyone wants paved streets and everyone wants environmentally safe surroundings. And let a disaster happen to Hancock County and see who wants federal aid. Everyone!

Without proper codes and zoning regulations, this county will be looked over like we were never here. The people who need this aid the most will receive nothing.

These codes and zonings will not tell you what you can build as far as looks, but will tell you how they will be built.

This will protect our volunteer firefighters, ensure adequate drinking water not only for us but for generations to come. And when federal aid is available, we will be in line to receive it.

Let's not fight with the powers to be. Let's all come together as a county and be the best on the Coast.

I love Hancock County and want my children to be afforded the same opportunity for a beautiful way of life.

David W. Depreo
Hancock County resident

Downsizing — the dirty word of the nineties

Dear Editor:

Every employed person fears that word may touch them and they'll be looking for another job. That's hard to live with, for sure.

Actually though, downsizing has been with us for many decades — not the same as today, but product downsizing which affects the pocketbook of every consumer.

My earliest recollection began with laundry powders which came mostly in 54-oz. boxes which have shrunk over the years to 18 or 22 oz. sizes. Breakfast dry cereal companies jumped on the bandwagon as well as a pound of coffee shrinking to 11 ounces.

Even fresh meat was affected. The USDA downgraded the standards for Prime and other grades which raised

prices while lowering quality. There used to be standard sizes for all garments no matter who made them. Not true today. Some pants or shirts or blouses by the same manufacturer won't fit even though the marked size is identical.

Few shoe sizes from brand to brand fit the same, and most companies no longer offer a full range in widths. Fruit was sold by the dozen, now by the pound. Toilet tissue and paper towels were generally larger in sheet size with more sheets per roll.

The list of changes is endless, and as consumers we've all suffered the loss of dollars, and there's little we can do about it — or can we?

Regards,
Royce P. Kaupp
Waveland

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

A Weekly Editorial
From Mississippi Economic Council

Crime makes you pay

"Lock'em up and throw the key away" was the public message to the Mississippi Legislature several years ago.

Lawmakers responded. They passed a bill that requires a convicted criminal to serve at least 85 percent of a sentence. The days of the revolving jail house doors became history.

County jail space was soon crammed as the state delayed for months transferring inmates to the overcrowded state penitentiary.

Lawmakers responded by looking for ways to cut costs. They passed a bill that requires a convicted criminal to serve at least 85 percent of a sentence.

do something besides talk. It's time to pay. In the 1995 fiscal year, Mississippi spent \$115.5 million on corrections. In FY96 that number grew to \$166 million. Currently in FY97 that number has jumped to \$195.8 million, and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee has recommended \$205 million for FY98.

It should be noted that the Department of Corrections requested \$238.2 million. Even that staggering number is going to increase in future years as the new facilities come on line.

A private security company

Public education has friend in Musgrove

In Ronnie Musgrove, public education in Mississippi has its best friend since William Winter. In some ways Musgrove may be able to do even more for education. He may be able to do some things Winter couldn't do.

As his number one project in the 1997 Legislative Session, Musgrove wants to get lawmakers to implement the 1994 Equity Funding Act. Under that plan the state would assist school districts with thinner tax bases in order to put their school children on a nearly equal basis with those in richer districts.

This will be a major educational undertaking, but one considered long overdue by those closest to public education and something the state sooner or later will have to do or get into legal trouble.

Actually Mississippi has been skating on thin ice for several years on the matter of equity funding since state courts in several nearby states have already ordered their legislatures to institute equity funding for poorer districts.

While the Mississippi Legislature passed the basic act in 1994, it has not implemented it or provided necessary financing.

The Democratic lieutenant governor, who as a legislator helped enact the original law, now wants to move the state the rest of the way.

You're talking about a sizeable chunk of additional education money from the state—\$159 million if it were implemented right now. Plus, you're talking about a major revision in the formula by which education funds are allotted.

Instead of distributing funds as has been done since the Minimum Foundation Program was enacted in 1954 on a "teacher unit" basis (one unit for 30 children in average daily attendance), it would be done on a "per student" basis.

Some lawmakers as well as educators accustomed to the old system may balk at the change. But to come close to achieving equity among school districts it must be done, say backers.

As a palliative to the richer districts who may not care for the "Robin Hood" approach of the equity funding concept, the proposed plan would guarantee all districts at least five percent more state funding than they received the previous year.

The key determinant of a school district's need for an equity supplement would be how much each mill of ad valorem (property) tax yields to the district. Those districts with a higher property tax base of course get a higher supplement than those with a thinner

base. However, ad valorem tax is uniformly the backbone of local school funding.

The state Department of Education has calculated that one mill of property tax in the Mound Bayou District, for example, yields only \$6 per pupil. Only a few miles up the highway in Tunica County, which is enjoying the gambling boom, one mill yields \$62 per pupil to the county school district.

Statewide, local ad valorem taxes are calculated to produce an average of \$704 per pupil for instructional programs. The objective of equity funding would be to supplement available funds with additional state money to raise the average to at least \$2,200 per pupil, or even as much as \$2,900.

All the numbers necessary to create the machinery of the new plan for equity funding, which is being called the Mississippi Adequate Education Program—have been crunched by the Department of Education and are ready if the plan is implemented by the Legislature.

On the basis of their 1994-95 ad valorem tax yields per pupil, the 20 "poorest" districts are: Mound Bayou, Drew, Durant, Richton, Yazoo City, Nettleton Line, Water Valley, North Bolivar, Chickasaw County, Prentiss County, North Tippah Consolidated, West Bolivar, Winona, Marion County, Tate County, Pearl River County, Union, Jones County, Hollandale Separate, and Jefferson County.

Conversely, the five districts with the highest ad valorem yield per pupil are Pass Christian, Yazoo-Holly Bluff, Pascagoula, Madison County, and Hancock County.

Musgrove knows it's unlikely the full plan can be implemented at once, so he is working on a five-year phase in which would start off with about \$50 million and build up to the full amount needed. Initially the supplement would be secured under his proposal for use in capital improvements.

To carry the legislative load for implementing the equity plan, Musgrove has some sturdy allies in the Senate such as Sen. Grey Ferris of Vicksburg, the Education chairman, Sen. Hob Bryan of Amory, the Finance chairman, and Sen. Bennie Turner of West Point, the ablest black legislative leader.

House Speaker Tim Ford has been working closer with Musgrove than any speaker has worked with a lieutenant governor in memory. So, help from the House may give the equity plan a good shot at passing in 1997.

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Gambling

had already put out feelers in national trade papers offering to sell the vessel, and site at Bayou Caddy, and had disclosed they would cease operations at the end of August.

Attorneys representing the county managed to get

\$212,000 from the surety company to cover most of Jubilation's 1995 taxes, but the county holds the bag for \$97,000 plus interest still outstanding, and Jubilation owes approximately another \$208,000 in taxes for 1996, which won't officially come due until this February.

To make up for the shortfall in gambling revenue, supervisors, who took over last January, were forced to raise property taxes by one mill, and insiders say if the Jubilation defaults on their 1996 taxes, attorneys will again attempt to get the corporation to post another surety bond guaranteeing payment.

Meanwhile, there is rampant speculation about the vacated Jubilation site, with unconfirmed reports that developer Donald Trump was among those trying to put together property on which to build a hotel and other amenities to complement a gambling operation.

Another gambling venture near the Jubilation site had an up-and-down year.

Jim Maness, representing several South Beach property owners, managed to get the Commission on Marine Resources to rezone a strip of beachfront land from "G-Residential and Recreational Use" to "C-Commercial, and Maness began marketing his gambling proposal.

But, citizens groups and environmentalists took Maness to Chancery Court in Hancock County, and last November, a judge ruled that CMR must conduct a public hearing before rezoning, so the project is back to square one.

Casino Magic, the lone gambling venture in Hancock County, also had a turbulent year, but still enjoys its advantage of attracting gamblers from nearby Slidell and New Orleans.

Casino America, incorporated

ated in Minnesota with principal offices in Bay St. Louis, reported revenues of \$48.3 million for the third quarter ending Sept. 30, compared to \$47.5 million for the previous third quarter ending Sept. 1995. Net income from operations, before charges, was \$610,000 or two cents per share compared with \$3.1 million or nine cents per share in the prior year's quarter.

Company officials revealed business was up by about five percent at its Bay St. Louis facility, but declined by almost nine percent at Biloxi. Casinos the Magic owns or partly owns in Porta Carras and Xanthi Greece also cut heavily into profits.

Last February, about 115 employees were laid off in Bay St. Louis, and recently company officials confirmed that layoffs are possible in the coming year at Biloxi, Lake Charles and Bossier City, La.

The bright spot at the Bay St. Louis property was completion on an on-site day care facility for children, and an 18-hole Arnold Palmer-designed golf course and practice facility will open soon. The Magic in Bay St. Louis has also completed a \$2 million expansion of its Veranda dining room and plans to reopen a more intimate, fine-dining area soon.

All eyes will be on discussions

scheduled Jan. 9 in Jackson regarding water quality permits being sought for casino developments planned south of Diamondhead in Hancock County and off the Kiln-DeLisle exit in nearby Harrison County. Both barges would be located in the north Bay of St. Louis.

Casino World plans a \$200 million gambling-hotel facility near Diamondhead and Circus Circus has announced a \$300 development in Harrison County.

The water permits requested from the state Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ) would allow both casino proposals to go forward and file for federal wetlands permits from the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Both sites have been approved by the Mississippi Gaming Commission and the Commission on Marine Resources, although the CMR staff recommended denial of both site approvals.

Hancock County supervisors plan to be in Jackson to lend support to the Casino World project, but citizens groups and environmentalists, and even Casino Magic attorneys, plan to oppose both projects.

The groups have also filed challenges to the developments in Hancock and Harrison County Chancery Courts. No hearing date has been set on the two lawsuits, pending the outcome of the CEQ decisions.

Aldermen take steps to improve; develop Waveland

BY RICHARD MEEK

Steps taken in 1996 by the Waveland Board of Aldermen should ensure an improved infrastructure in 1997.

The most significant development was a \$1.25 million bond issue approved by the board. The majority of the bond money will be used for needed improvements in drainage, as well as the paving of roads.

City officials were also able to secure \$250,000 in Tidelands funding money, which were originally designated to construct a 200-foot extension of the Garfield Ladner Pier. Included in the expansion was a bait shop and vending area.

However, some last minute tinkering of the original plans may have jeopardized the entire project.

The aldermen are hoping pier improvements will help revitalize nearby Coleman Avenue, once the city's economic hub, now a desolate street featuring City Hall and two restaurants. Waveland citizen Allison Anderson also would like to see Coleman Avenue economically rejuvenated, and formed the Coleman Avenue Coalition to reach that goal.

The Waveland Civic Association also helped, staging its first Kids Fishing Rodeo and Festival over the Labor Day weekend. The festival was a huge success as hundreds attended over the long holiday weekend.

The pier and bond issue were not the only newsmakers in Waveland in 1996. A federal judge dismissed a suit filed against the city by former City Clerk Betsy Phillips.

Phillips had claimed age dis-

crimination was the cause of her firing in January of 1995.

Around the time of the suit dismissal, Phillips' replacement, Debbie Conway, was also fired by Mayor John Mason. Purchasing agent Lisa Planchard was named as Conway's replacement.

Waveland police were also kept busy breaking up prostitution rings that appeared intent on operating. Kim's Oriental Massage was raided, and three were arrested.

In a stranger twist, Centerfolds, a lingerie shop advertising live models, was raided and two booked on prostitution only days after it opened.

Centerfolds quickly reopened, but less than four weeks later, it was again raided. Owners have since shut down the business.

The Ranch Lounge, embroiled in a controversy with Waveland police, also folded before the city filed action to have the establishment closed. The lounge was the site of many disturbances, and police officials were lobbying the aldermen to have the establishment declared a nuisance so it could be closed.

More good economic news came when it was announced that a senior citizen housing complex will be constructed in Waveland. Construction should begin later this year. Improved drainage for a wide swath of Waveland will be one of the benefits.

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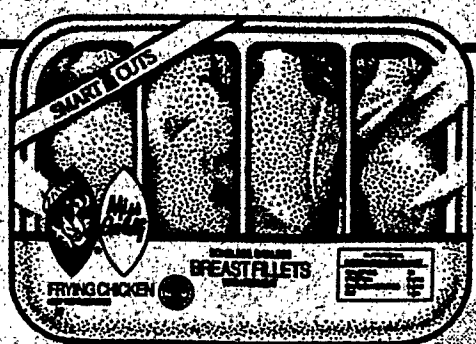
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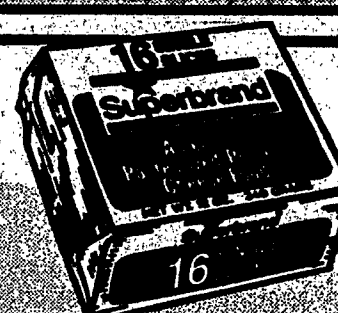
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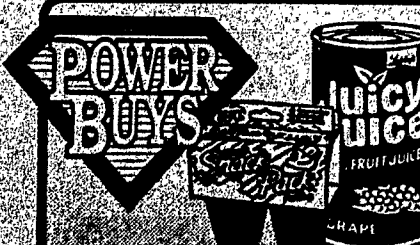
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ment Corporation through which the Board can float a bond for \$520,000 to purchase the modern building.

Board Attorney Gerald Gex said Hancock Bank has given the county "a very favorable" interest rate of 5.38 percent over a 15-year period, and the payment and interest would

amount to \$51,402 annually.

The two courts and offices have brought the furniture and equipment they owned into the new building, but latest estimates are that additional equipment and furnishing, mainly for the courtrooms, judges, attorney quarters and jury rooms, might run as high

as another \$100,000. Supervisors have announced their intent to float another bond "not to exceed \$125,000" through the same corporation for furnishings.

The move of the courtrooms is expected to greatly relieve traffic congestion around the courthouse on Main Street and at the Youth Services Building

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to market the facility.

In June, Jerry L'Enfant of Waveland carried the Olympic torch in Jackson as part of the flame's cross country trek that culminated with Muhammad Ali lighting the flame at the Olympiad in Atlanta.

In June, Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi was elected Majority Leader to fill the vacancy of Sen. Bob Dole. Dole had resigned to concentrate more time on what would be a failed presidential campaign.

Also in June, county law enforcement officials seized \$292,000 of what was believed to be drug money after a routine traffic stop on Interstate 10. The seizure was the largest in county history.

Elected officials and citizens alike were able to put their artistic signatures on a unique mural project sponsored by the Hancock County Library. The mural decorates a side wall at the library in Bay St. Louis.

The Lady family turned the Waveland Resort Inn into a Holiday Inn.

Casino Magic opened its driving range on a cold March morning. An 18-hole, championship course designed by Arnold Palmer was to have opened in 1996. However, numerous setbacks have delayed the opening until at least late January. The clubhouse also needs to be completed.

St. Joseph Chapel celebrated its centennial and the Main Street Methodist Church celebrated 100 years in its building.

Youths playing in a wooded area behind the Jitney Jungle shopping plaza discovered medical waste. The waste included potentially hazardous discarded needles. The Department of Environmental Quality was called in to assist in the cleanup.

Admiral Paul Gavney, Chief of Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at Stennis Space Center, was named Chief of Naval Research in Washington, D.C.

In July, four members of the "G" gang were arrested in the county.

In July, Don Henderson announced he was resigning as administrator at Hancock Medical Center. In August, Thomas Symonds was named as his replacement.

Also at HMC, Dr. Dale Loicane was named Chief of Staff.

The Tourist and Gaming Commission, instrumental in recruiting gaming to Hancock County, voted to dissolve. A hotel tax was passed, and proceeds from that tax will help pay for the newly created Tour-

ism Director.

Beth Carriere was later named to that post, and a Tourism Board formed.

Michael Ryan was fired as principal at St. Stanislaus and Br. Ronald Talbot named in his place.

Ground was broken for a new post office in Kiln.

Hancock residents will benefit from Hancock 2000, a community education program scheduled to begin in the spring. The program will offer a variety of adult learning courses scheduled to be taught at Bay High School and Hancock High School.

A small plane crashed at Stennis Airport in August, but there were no fatalities.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation created a stir when it announced that all municipalities would have to maintain traffic signals on state highways. Waveland threatened to file suit, forcing MDOT to retreat until the Legislature has an opportunity to study the issue later this month.

Paul Harvey, head of the state Gaming Commission, called Hancock County "anti-business and anti-gambling" in an exclusive November interview with Sea Coast Echo reporter Ed Lepoma.

Former officers Terry Eley and Bobby Parker received suspended sentences after pleading guilty to bribery charges. However, the two were forced to spend 30 days in the Hancock County Justice Facility while pre-sentencing reports were completed.

In the November elections, Dole carried Hancock County and Rep. Gene Taylor easily won re-election for his fifth Congressional seat.

Late in the fall, "Red Tide" in the Mississippi Sound forced wildlife officials to temporarily suspend oystering. Additionally, several dolphins washed up on shore, apparent victims of Red Tide.

Waveland citizen Elaine Colson was named Citizen of the Year at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet.

In December, the Echo reported Stennis Space Center was being investigated for possible contamination, especially near and around the facility's test stands. Of more concern is that some of the contamination may have flowed into Stennis' main canal, which feeds into the Sound.

A week before Christmas, county citizens enjoyed a rare day of frolicking in the snow. A light dusting of the white stuff

covered the area, forcing closure of schools and government offices. By year's end, however, the weather had turned unusually warm and foggy.

The federal government denied the county's application to expand sewerage lines south of I-10. Consequently, conventional home loans are not available to parties interested in buying homes outside of Diamondhead, Bay St. Louis or Waveland.

Earlier in the year, Greyhound announced it would no longer be stopping in Bay St. Louis. However, by year's end and with the completion of the depot, the transportation giant had resumed service in the Bay.

Zero fatalities over Xmas

There were zero fatalities on Mississippi roadways during the Christmas holiday observance which began at 6 p.m. Tuesday and ended Wednesday at midnight.

"I am very thankful that Mississippi motorists heeded the speeding laws," said Col. Jimmy Stringer, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol director.

"Without the cooperation from the public, the MHSP could not have achieved a zero fatality rate. The last year Mississippians had a zero fatality rate during the Christmas holiday observance was in 1989. This shows what can be accomplished when the public and law enforcement work together."

Throughout the New Year's observance the MHSP will use major radar details and road block details, which are the most effective forms of enforcement for DUI and speed law violators. Also, the MHSP will use surveillance aircraft and sobriety checkpoints.

"A total of 1,108 citations were issued, and 23 DUI arrests were made during the holiday observance. Receiving a citation is not a pleasant experience, but it is a necessary step in traffic enforcement to reduce deaths and injuries. When traffic laws are disobeyed, you endanger yourself, as well as other motorists, passengers and pedestrians."

"We hope issuing citations will encourage motorists to drive responsibly," Stringer added.

on Court Street.

Gex also told supervisors he has title to the majority of property at the foot of Pleasure Street in Bayou Caddy where the county plans to build a marina in two phases, mainly with Tidelands monies.

An out-of-court settlement was reached Sept. 30 with the majority of the family and heirs of Walter Villere III, and the county has given them a check for \$187,500 for their portion of the land, representing 5/8ths of the property involved.

The owner of 3/8ths of the land, Flora Villere Webber, has objected to the \$112,000 that the county had offered for the remaining land, and Gex said she was given 30 days to come up with an independent appraisal, but still has not obtained one.

If she doesn't agree on the purchase price, Gex said he would go forward with eminent domain proceedings, and he felt the Chancery Court would agree the \$112,000 was a fair purchase price for the remaining land.

Gex said the county would also offer Tommy Bordages a total \$11,000 for four acres of bottomlands he claims he owns in the area.

The \$1.1 million first-phase of the marina would create a still undetermined number of slips for commercial and recreational boats, three public boat launches and about 500 feet of associated piers and docks.

Initial construction monies comes from \$500,000 in Tidelands funds, plus another \$260,000, plus interest, that has been escrowed from the sale of the Bayou Caddy Marina. The county received an additional \$375,000 in Tidelands funds for the project this year.

Also, Board President Philip Moran was successful in passing a motion to donate "no more than \$2,500" to the Hancock

County Equine and Facilities Board.

The monies would be used to pay for a site design plan for the facility, which is located on 80 acres off of Hwy. 603 on the Kiln-DeLisle Road.

Construction and financing was at an impasse because the Board has no monies to operate until a logjam is cleared in the state legislature.

The last official act of the outgoing Board of Supervisors in 1995 was to purchase the land for the Livestock Arena for \$200,000. At least \$155,000 of that was supposed to be returned to Hancock County by way of a matching grant available through the state Agriculture Department.

Supervisors have learned that the monies had not yet been channeled to Agriculture, and the funding is supposed to be straightened out when a new legislature convenes next month.

Another \$500,000 has already been set aside by the Legislature for the facility, but will not be available until next July when the state sells general revenue bonds.

To get that money released, the state told supervisors they must first come up with a site plan.

By resolution, supervisors will also ask U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor to see if Navy Seabees from Gulfport can be used to do some site preparation work at the Livestock Arena while the funding is at a standstill.

There's also been some progress on a Juvenile Detention Facility for Hancock County.

In their first December meeting, supervisors signed a contract to hire James A. Polk Architecture of Hattiesburg to come up with site suggestions and design for the facility.

The county has been sitting on a Public Safety Grant for more than two years, and the

original \$112,000 has been escrowed and earning interest, but the state has threatened to reclaim the monies if there is no progress on building the juvenile facility.

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Public Notice
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 26th day of July, 1995, PAUL DOUGLAS FARVE and WIFE, THERESA L. FARVE, executed a certain Deed of Trust to William F. Jones, trustee, MAGNOLIA FEDERAL BANK FOR SAVINGS, A CORPORATION, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 435, Page 431, of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, on the 12th day of November 1996, the Beneficiary appointed Cy Fanecka as Substitute Trustee, which instrument is recorded in Book 469, Page 26, of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of a portion of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust having declared all of the amount due and having requested this sale for the purpose of paying said indebtedness or as much thereof as said sale brings.

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Public Notice

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1996, Richard W. Gable and his wife, Christine Gable, executed a deed of trust to Greg Freeman, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Investment, which deed of trust is recorded in Book 438 of the Public Records of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to United Commercial Lending Corporation, by instrument dated April 18, 1996, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 438 at Page 85; and

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WHEREAS, the aforesaid United Commercial Lending Corporation, the holder of said deed of trust and the now secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr., as Trustee therein, as directed by its Board of Directors, by instrument dated September 11, 1996 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 438 at Page 142; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr., Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 17th day of January, 1997, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder and sell within the limits of and during the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Main Front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 9, 8 and 10, Square 117, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 7, Addition No. 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat and subdivision file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 2 at Page 102.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 11th day of December, 1996.

John C. Underwood, Jr.
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
12-26-96; 1-2; 1-9; 1-16-97

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash on hand/bank	244.36
FIXED ASSETS	
Equipment	183,033.00
Buildings	114,780.00
Land	600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	312,686.36
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Accrual	0.00
Accounts Payable	0.00
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	
Notes Payable	42,331.00
Interest payable	1,210.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	43,541.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Insurance	3,254.00
Utilities	145.00
Waste Disposal	925.48
Fuel	25.85
Office & Postage	25.85
Bonds	10,038.95
Truck Repairs	300.00
Bookkeeping	14.44
Newspaper Ads	64.00
Bank Charges	1,882.56
Electrical Add.	7,492.00
Concrete Apron	1,424.25
Interior Carp.	808.00
Misc. Repairs	28,999.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	52,244.32
EXCESS OVER INCOME	32,294.32
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & EXCESS OVER INCOME	32,294.32

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN R. THORPE, JR.
BY: SANDRA THORPE
PETITIONER

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 96-0875
(SERVICE BY PUBLICATION; RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

TO: The unknown heirs at law of Benjamin R. Thorpe, Jr., whose names and addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging that Sandra Thorpe, Robert Samuel Thorpe and Janice Robin Thorpe are the sole and only heirs at law of Benjamin R. Thorpe, Jr. and that you are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint to the Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 125 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 or appear at a hearing set for 27th day of January, 1997 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Your answer must be mailed or delivered not later than thirty days after the 18th day of December, 1996. If your answer is not so mailed or delivered, and you fail to appear at the hearing, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the Complaint.

You must also file the original of your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Witness my signature and official seal this 16th day of December, 1996.

SEAL

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CLERK OF COURT
BY: MANDI ALLEN
DEPUTY CLERK
12/16; 12/26/96; 12/97

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, John Thomas Accomando et al. vs. Shirley S. Accomando, et al., Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Investment, Inc., Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Investment, Inc., dated April 13, 1970, and recorded in Book 218 at Page 433 of the records of Deeds of Trust in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, which was subsequently assigned to Grand F. Praetorius, and wife, Rachel Iona Praetorius, by Warranty Deed dated February 11, 1980, and recorded in Book 438 at Page 430 of the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned, together with the indebtedness secured thereby, to Security Savings & Loan Association, by instrument dated October 31, 1982, and recorded in Book 258 at Page 735 of the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned together with the indebtedness secured thereby, to Bailey Mortgage Company, by instrument dated August 1, 1984, and recorded in Book 428 at Page 222 of the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned together with the indebtedness secured thereby, to First Commercial Mortgage Company, by instrument dated August 10, 1986, and recorded in Book 462 at Page 317 of the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, First Commercial Mortgage Company, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the Note secured thereby, has authorized by its Board of Directors, by instrument dated December 5, 1996, and recorded in Book 470 at Page 281 of the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk, to substitute Timothy A. Kellar as Trustee therein, as directed by its Board of Directors, by instrument dated December 5, 1996, and recorded in Book 470 at Page 281 of the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Timothy A. Kellar, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 17th day of January, 1997, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder and sell within the limits of and during the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Main Front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 13, Block 2, Unit 7, Diamondhead, Phase 1, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

and except a 1 foot wide strip of land described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the northwesterly right-of-way of Gulf Coast Drive with the common boundary of Lot 12 and said Lot 13, thence along said common boundary North 40 degrees 01 minutes 01 second west 125.00 feet to a curve concave to the northwest with a radius of 1,577.5 feet; thence northwesterly along said curve 1.00 foot; thence South 89 degrees 01 minute 01 second East 125.00 feet to a curve concave to the northwest with a radius of 1,702.5 feet on said curve; thence southeasterly along said curve and right-of-way 1.00 foot to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this 16th day of November, 1996.

J. Gary Massey
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE FOR
First Commercial Mortgage Corp.
12-12; 12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT

OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEBBIE M. CHAIR, FIDUCIARY, DECEASED
HOWARD G. LADNER, JR., EXECUTOR
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND UNKNOWN HEIRS
CAUSE NO. 96-0875

TO: ROBERT S. FREEMAN, 11808 Hound Springs Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205 and Gerald E. Freeman, 12808 Oak Hwy 87 Lot 40, Bldg. 245, Chesapeake, Virginia, 22034 and

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DEBBIE M. CHAIR, FIDUCIARY, DECEASED, who died having a final residence in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL AND/OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY:

871 S. Bayview Road, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by HOWARD G. LADNER, JR., Executor, of the Estate of DEBBIE M. CHAIR, FIDUCIARY, DECEASED, alleging Complaint to Probate Estate and seek relief. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1997, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, HOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI; AND, IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire in care of David R. Davis, Esq., at 177 Lemaire Avenue, Second, Post Office Box 407, Biloxi, Mississippi 39533. DATED this 16th day of December, 1996.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: KIM DOMANIO
12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN R. THORPE, JR.
Cause No. 96-0875

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 16th day of December, 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, the Estate of Benjamin R. Thorpe, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

The 16th day of December, 1996.

SANDRA THORPE
ADMINISTRATRIX

BRENN T. BELL
125 COURT STREET
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
(601)467-0003
MS BAR #6433

12/19; 12/26/96; 12/97

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MYRNA LADNER, CARL J. LADNER, BARBARA JOHNSON, WANDA LADNER, BILLIE NECAISE, and PATTY BERNARD, COMPLAINANTS
VERSUS
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHESTER CARL LADNER, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 96-0875

YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by MYRNA LADNER, CARL J. LADNER, BARBARA JOHNSON, WANDA LADNER, BILLIE NECAISE, and PATTY BERNARD, COMPLAINANTS, seeking the unknown heirs of CHESTER CARL LADNER, DECEASED.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1997, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, HOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI; AND, IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire in care of David R. Davis, Esq., at 177 Lemaire Avenue, Second, Post Office Box 407, Biloxi, Mississippi 39533. DATED this 16th day of Dec., 1996.

TIM A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: MANDI ALLEN
12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on April 5, 1996, Kenneth T. Roberts, Jr., executed a certain deed of trust to the Hancock County Chancery Clerk for the benefit of Bridges Mortgage Company, Inc., a Corporation which deed of trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 451, Page 652; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to First Mortgage Corp. by instrument dated April 5, 1996 and recorded in Book 452, Page 778 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, First Mortgage Corp. has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated April 5, 1996 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 468, Page 400; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, First Mortgage Corp., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 3rd day of January, 1997 offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder and sell within the limits of and during the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 13, Block 2, Unit 7, Diamondhead, Phase 1, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

and except a 1 foot wide strip of land described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the northwesterly right-of-way of Gulf Coast Drive with the common boundary of Lot 12 and said Lot 13, thence along said common boundary North 40 degrees 01 minutes 01 second west 125.00 feet to a curve concave to the northwest with a radius of 1,577.5 feet; thence northwesterly along said curve 1.00 foot; thence South 89 degrees 01 minute 01 second East 125.00 feet to a curve concave to the northwest with a radius of 1,702.5 feet on said curve; thence southeasterly along said curve and right-of-way 1.00 foot to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this 16th day of November, 1996.

J. Gary Massey
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE FOR
First Mortgage Corp.
12-12; 12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Diamondhead Water and Sewer District, Diamondhead, Mississippi, will receive bids for

SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
PUMP STATION NO. 28
AND FORCE MAIN

at the District Office, 4351 First Drive, Diamondhead, Mississippi, until 11:00 A.M., local time, on Thursday, January 30, 1997, and then at said office bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Sealed bids are invited for the construction of a 1,000 GPM Pump Station, approximately 12,700 linear feet of 12 inch force main, connections to certain designated existing facilities, 205 linear feet of steel casings beneath roadway, and other related work.

Contract Documents, including Technical Specifications, are on file in the office of the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District, Diamondhead, Mississippi. Bids forms, plans, and specifications may be obtained at the office of A. Garner Rasmussen & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 625 S. Highway 90, Biloxi, Mississippi 39537, upon payment of \$80.00 deposit. Any amount received upon returning such set properly and in good condition will be refunded.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the District Office, in the amount of \$80.00, must accompany the bid set. Bids must be received by the District Office on or before the date and time specified above. Bids received after that time and date will not be considered. Bids must be opened and read aloud in the presence of the District Office and the Engineer. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the presence of the District Office and the Engineer. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the presence of the District Office and the Engineer.

The District Office will receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. The President of the Board declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on that the 20th day of November, 1996.

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT

12-12; 12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the Engineer of Hancock County, Mississippi, 148 DeBoussard Blvd., Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 for the following: Bridge-200 ft. for the purpose of adding on the deck for Hancock Medical Center building, but not limited to services changes and current rates of interest bearing and accounts. Payment to occur upon completion of the project. Bids will be received until the time of opening. Bids will be received until the time of opening. Bids will be received until the time of opening.

Date: Thursday, January 16, 1997.
Time: 2:00 p.m.
By: Gregory G. Underwood, Controller
Hancock Medical Center
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
12/26/96; 01/09/97

The Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi (the "County"), took up for consideration the matter of issuing General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds, of said County. After a discussion of the subject, Supervisor Ladner offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION ROAD AND BRIDGE BONDS, OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND REPAIRING ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AND ACQUIRING THE NECESSARY LAND, INCLUDING LAND FOR ROAD-BUILDING MATERIALS, ACQUIRING RIGHTS-OF-WAY THEREFOR; AND THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES THERETO REASONABLY REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR AND RENOVATE ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND APPROACHES THERETO WITH THE COUNTY; AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi (the "Board"), acting for and on behalf of Hancock County, Mississippi (the "County"), hereby finds, determines, adjudicates and declares as follows:

1. The County is authorized by Section 19-9-1 through 19-9-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "Act"), to issue bonds hereinafter proposed to be issued for the purposes and the amounts set forth in paragraph 2 of this preamble.

2. It is necessary and in the public interest to issue General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds (the "Bonds") of the County in the principal amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) to raise money for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing and repairing roads, highways and bridges, and acquiring the necessary land, including land for road-building materials, acquiring rights-of-way therefor; and the purchase of heavy construction equipment and accessories thereto reasonably required to construct, repair and renovate roads, highways and bridges and approaches thereto with the County.

3. The assessed value of all taxable property within the County, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, is Two Hundred Sixteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$216,925,621); the County has outstanding bonded indebtedness subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 19-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, in the amount of Fourteen Million Six Hundred Dollars (\$14,060,000), and outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness subject to the twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 19-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (which amount includes the sum set forth above subject to the 15% debt limit), in the amount of Seventeen Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$17,560,000); the issuance of the Bonds hereinafter proposed to be issued pursuant to the Act, when added to the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the County, will not result in bonded indebtedness, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of taxable property within the County, and will not result in indebtedness, both bonded and floating, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid twenty percent (20%) debt limit, in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of taxable property within the County, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the County.

4. The County reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the Bonds, which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds is made pursuant to Department of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 (the reimbursement regulations). The project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described hereinafter in SECTION 1 of this resolution. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the project is the amount hereinabove set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board hereby declares its intention to issue General Obligation Road and Bridge Bonds, of the County in the principal amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) pursuant to the Act to raise money for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing and repairing roads, highways and bridges, and acquiring the necessary land, including land for road-building materials, acquiring rights-of-way therefor; and the purchase of heavy construction equipment and accessories thereto reasonably required to construct, repair and renovate roads, highways and bridges and approaches thereto with the County. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series and will be general obligations of the County payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate, or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the County.

SECTION 2. The Board proposes to direct the issuance of the Bonds in the amounts, for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting place of the Board at its meeting place in the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. on January 6, 1997.

SECTION 3. If on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on January 6, 1997, twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the County or fifteen hundred (1,500), whichever is less, shall file a written protest with the clerk of Hancock County against the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to the Act, then Bonds for such purpose or purposes shall not be issued unless authorized at an election on the question of the issuance of such Bonds to be called and held as provided by law. If no protest be filed on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on January 6, 1997, against the issuance of Bonds, then the Bonds may be issued without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after the date specified in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in Sea Coast Echo, a newspaper published in and having a general circulation in Hancock County and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The first publication of this resolution shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed herein for the issuance of the Bonds, and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of the Board shall be and is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and have the same before the Board on the date and hour specified in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 6. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

SECTION 7. The County reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the Bonds, which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds is made pursuant to Department of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 (the reimbursement regulations). The project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described hereinabove in SECTION 1 of this resolution. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the project is the amount hereinabove set forth.

Supervisor Lydon J. Ladner, Sr. voted: Yes
Supervisor Rodrick Fullman voted: No
Supervisor Lisa Conrad voted: Yes
Supervisor Steve Seymour voted: Yes
Supervisor Philip E. Moran voted: Yes

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President of the Board declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on that the 20th day of November, 1996.

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD

12-12; 12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT

OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT M. WARE, YOUNG, CMT, DECEASED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF ROBERT SEWARD TODD, SR.
NO. 96-0875

NOTICE is hereby given that Robert Seward Todd, Sr., deceased, was granted by the undersigned, the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 10th day of December, 1996, and of persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and requested to have the same presented and registered by the Clerk of said Court as required by law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this Notice. Failure to do so will forever bar such claims.

WITNESS my signature, this 10th day of December, 1996.
SHIRLEY HENRICH TODD, Executrix
12-12; 12-19; 12-26-96; 1-2-97

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees of the Bay St. Louis School District will accept sealed bids up to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 1997, for the sale of three (3) buses. Please bring the following:

1996 Ford F150 4x4, Ten Passengers, 1997 1998 Ford F150 4x4, Ten Passengers, 8 yrs. 1998 Ford Ranger Pickup, 8 yrs.
Information on the buses may be obtained from the Superintendent, Bay St. Louis, MS, at 447-4221.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or to make "Bump-Up Trucks" on the outside of the envelope.
DAVID TURCOTTE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIKE REED, SUPERINTENDENT
BAY ST. LOUIS-WAVERLAND SCHOOLS
12/26; 12/26/96; 1/2/97

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

The City of Bay St. Louis invites bids for the relocation of light poles. Interested parties may pick up specifications at City Hall from the Municipal Clerk's office at 111 Court St., Bay St. Louis. To receive a copy by mail, call or write to: Bobby Parker, Municipal Clerk, City of Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. Jan. 23, 1997. Bids will be opened at 9 a.m. Jan. 23, 1997. Bobby Parker, Municipal Clerk, City of Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.